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The Scoop

AA in the AV 33

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OPEN DOOR HISTORY (installment 4)

by Steve L. (written in 2016)
with amendments by Marian G.

The Yucca Avenue location's rent was going to be raised from \$200 to \$400 per month. Dewey W. said that the small location would not be able to raise \$400 per month, so some of the members found a larger, nicer room on H-8. It had tile on the floor, and even had a good heater with a fan.

The only catch was that the new location was renting for around \$500 per month. As with many groups' changes, there were a lot of loud disagreements. It was argued that if we couldn't generate \$400 per month how could we raise \$500 for the new place? The counter argument was that there was no way to raise \$400 at the small location, but with a nicer building that would seat more people, we could attract more members and that would generate a larger 7th

Tradition. After much passionate debate, the decision was made to move.

In approximately 1989-1990 [We're still looking for the exact date, if any of our readers happen to know], the Back Door moved from 4541 Yucca Avenue to the corner store front at 501 W Avenue H-8, not today's location of the Open Door, but three or four doors to the east, on the corner, as shown in the picture.

Dewey W., who was an active of member of the Back Door on Yucca, signed the lease. Marian G., who was a couple or three years sober at the time, remembers they were excited because the room was so big, that is, compared with the tiny space on Yucca. Marian G. became the first supply person and remembers having to start locking things up to keep them from being stolen.

In future installments we will see how the Back Door got a new name and eventually moved

west to its current location.
Thank you for reading.



Step 7

“Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings.”

Since this Step so specifically concerns itself with humility, we should pause here to consider what humility is and what the practice of it can mean to use.

Indeed, the attainment of greater humility is the foundation principle of each of A.A.’s Twelve Steps. For without some degree of humility, no alcoholic can stay sober at all. Nearly all A.A.’s have found, too, that unless they develop much more of this precious quality than may be required just for sobriety, they still haven’t much chance of becoming truly happy. Without it, they cannot live to much useful purpose, or, in adversity, be able to summon the faith that can meet any emergency.

Humility, as a word and as an ideal, has a very bad time of it in our world. Not only is the idea misunderstood; the word itself is often intensely disliked.

Many people haven’t even a nodding acquaintance with humility as a way of life. Much of the everyday talk we hear, and a great deal of what we read, highlights man’s pride in his own achievements.

Last paragraph on Step 7 in the 12x12: The Seventh Step is where we make the change in our attitude which permits us, with humility as our guide, to move out from ourselves toward others and toward God. The whole emphasis of Step Seven is on humility. It is really saying to us that we now ought to be willing to try humility in seeking the removal of our others shortcomings just as we did when we admitted that we were powerless over alcohol, and came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity. If that degree of humility could enable us to find the grace by which such a deadly obsession could be banished, then there must be hope of the same result respecting any other problem we could possibly have.

The 7th Tradition

“Every A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.”

Self-supporting alcoholics? Who ever heard of such a thing? Yet we find that’s what we have to be. This principle is telling evidence of the profound change that A.A.

has wrought in all of us.

Everybody knows that active alcoholics scream that they have no troubles money can’t cure. Always, we’ve had our hands out. Time out of mind we’ve been dependent upon somebody, usually money-wise. When a society composed entirely of alcoholics says it’s going to pay its bills, that’s really news.

Probably no A.A. Tradition had the labor pains this one did. In early times, we were all broke. When you add to the habitual supposition that people ought to give money to alcoholics trying to stay sober, it can be understood why we thought we deserved a pile of folding money. What great things A.A. would be able to do with it! But oddly enough, people who had money thought otherwise. They figured that it was high time we now—sober—paid our own way. So our Fellowship stayed poor because it had to.

Robert Glenn Henderson age 60, born March 26, 1962 in Burbank, CA passed away from a heart attack June 12, 2022 in West Hills. Up until a year ago Robert attended "Open Door" in Lancaster until he moved to the valley. Robert known as Glenn is survived by his mother Marilyn, his sister Tammi Mertens, brother in law Mathew Mertens, brother Lanny, sister in law Dudin. He was a proud uncle to Jason, Seth, Vince, James and great nephews Halo, Jamieson and Samuel. Glenn grew up in

Sun Valley, CA and later moved to Lancaster, CA where he embedded himself in the Native American culture with prayer rituals and art. He was kind hearted and gave away most of his crafts and art work to family and friends. Glenn enjoyed camping, hiking and the outdoors. Glenn was also an animal lover.



May he rest in peace with much love.
Please contact Kathy Artsis if you wish to attend services
(213)551-8053

Quotable Quotes

I only have 2 problems with alcohol; drinking and not drinking.

It's so hard to read the label from inside the jar. Will F.
I consumed alcohol and it consumed my life. Kelly

One day! Or Day One! Elsa- San Fernando Group

If I can live in acceptance today, then I can live in surrender.
Dathan 5-8-22

She read the Big Book in 1 night- Mother of a drunkard son.

THEIR the reason that I stopped drinking, but THEY can't be the reason that I stay stopped.

You don't have to worry about where it's at in the Big Book because surrender is on every page. Stuart S. 3-28-22

God hears all the speeches that don't get said.

You should sit in nature for 20 minutes a day...unless you're busy, then you should sit for an hour.

I got sober problems today. Miles

Laughing not crying. Vanessa
11-17-21

Sixth Concept:

The Charter and Bylaws of the General Service Board are legal instruments empowering the trustees to manage and conduct world service affairs. The Conference Charter is not a legal document; it relies upon tradition and the A.A. purse for final effectiveness.

General Service business meeting held on second Monday of the month at 630pm at the Quartz Hill Grange.

Word Game

7thstep

Q E Y E B P U W F B N R M Q I
U D E A D E F E C T S X J V L
A P E P E R S P E C T I V E I
L U Y S S K R U I O P G D X V
I R N D I S J U D K O H G W I
T P O R F R B X B Q S U T J N
Y O L P L B A Y C W S M F I G
P S H N Z Q Y B X S I I L Y X
E E Q A A K E Z L M B L A Q M
W T R N P Y Z L C E L I W T T
M R C T R P X X X S E T S Q G
K U W I R X Y M H U K Y Y P F
H E Z G P U V O S Y G G G T P
E U W J U D N E C E S S A R Y
E I H H K Y B X C F T R Y D M

Perspective	Necessary	Desirable	True
Quality	Humility	Possible	
Purpose	Defects	Happy	
Living	Flaws		

July 2022 Office Manager Report

	Jan - May '22	Jun '22	YTD Total
Sales of Goods	\$16,280.65	\$4,033.21	\$20,313.86
Expenses	(\$30,404.55)	(\$3,529.61)	(\$33,934.16)
Cost of Goods	(\$8,703.23)	(\$3,676.74)	(\$12,379.97)
Contributions	\$16,523.73	\$3,686.42	\$20,210.15
Net Income	(\$6,303.40)	\$513.28	(\$5,790.12)



Contributions

Group	Jan - May '22	Jun '22	2022 Total
A Gathering of Women	\$50.00		\$50.00
AM/Mid-Day Mod	\$4,192.18	\$1,367.46	\$5,559.64
Anonymous	\$2,348.39	\$377.60	\$2,725.99
Any Lengths Group	\$60.00		\$60.00
AV Hospital	\$21.00		\$21.00
AV Men's Stag	\$725.00	\$493.00	\$1,218.00
AV Roundup	\$0.00		\$0.00
Birthday	\$62.00		\$62.00
Came to Believe - Alano Club	\$0.00		\$0.00
Crown Valley Group	\$0.00		\$0.00
Daily Reflections	\$0.00	\$1.00	\$1.00
Dare to be Different - Alano Club	\$0.00	\$1.00	\$1.00
District 7	\$2,353.64	\$55.49	\$2,409.13
Faithful Fiver	\$165.00		\$165.00
Friday Noon - Alano	\$0.00		\$0.00
High Desert BB Grp	\$1,232.51		\$1,232.51
Intergroup Fundraisers	\$0.00		\$0.00
Into Action	\$150.00		\$150.00
Joe & Charlie Book Study - Alano	\$0.00		\$0.00
Lake Hughes Group	\$300.00	\$331.46	\$631.46
New Beginnings	\$0.00		\$0.00
Open Door	\$0.00		\$0.00
Open Participation	\$0.00		\$0.00
Palmdale Grp	\$894.99		\$894.99
Pearlblossom Grp	\$200.00		\$200.00
PM Mod	\$693.50		\$693.50
Quartz Hill Unity Grp	\$820.00	\$279.70	\$1,099.70
Rainbow Grp	\$0.00		\$0.00
Recovery @ The Ranch	\$0.00	\$160.00	\$160.00
Rosamond Sun Night	\$0.00		\$0.00
Rule 62 Grp	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$200.00
Sat. Men's Stag - Alano	\$0.00	\$3.00	\$3.00
Sat Spkr Mtg - Alano	\$0.00		\$0.00
Sobriety Rocks	\$0.00		\$0.00
Step Workshop Meeting	\$103.00		\$103.00
Sun Night BBS	\$0.00		\$0.00
The Promises - Alano Club	\$0.00		\$0.00
Tuesday Topic Mtg - Alano	\$102.00	\$7.00	\$109.00
Unity Group	\$105.00	\$91.00	\$196.00
Westside Grp	\$273.32		\$273.32
Women in Recovery	\$0.00		\$0.00
Women Seeking Serenity	\$90.00	\$117.00	\$207.00
Sober Sisters	\$0.00		\$0.00
Digital Contributions	\$1,482.20	\$301.71	\$1,783.91
TOTALS	\$16,523.73	\$3,686.42	\$20,210.15

Brianna W.	7/21/2019	3	Marc A.	7/28/2003	19
Trish J.	7/16/2018	4	Mary A.	7/1/2003	19
Kevin B.	7/10/2014	8	David S.	7/5/2002	20
Melissa M.	7/14/2013	9	Kelly O.	7/5/2001	21
Eric R.	7/10/2012	10	Peter U.	7/24/2001	21
Lisa L.	7/24/2012	10	Samuel G.	7/23/2001	21
Angela J.	7/5/2011	11	Martie M.	7/31/2000	22
Cathy W.	7/6/2011	11	Rebecca S.	7/6/2000	22
Deanna R.	7/11/2011	11	Val H.	7/24/2000	22
Donna T.	7/18/2011	11	Alicia B.	7/10/1999	23
John S.	7/7/2011	11	David L.	7/1/1999	23
Mark P.	7/13/2011	11	Gordy S.	7/11/1999	23
Heather D.	7/4/2010	12	Jeff H.	7/7/1999	23
Janet P.	7/28/2010	12	Andrew H.	7/15/1998	24
Natasha H.	7/28/2010	12	Myrna T.	7/5/1998	24
Paula T.	7/23/2010	12	Mike G.	7/7/1997	25
Revna H.	7/17/2010	12	Cottrell O.	7/19/1997	25
Rusty R.	7/4/2010	12	Jimmy R.	7/20/1996	26
Stacia V.	7/2/2010	12	Lydia V.	7/27/1996	26
David W.	7/6/2009	13	Terry M.	7/15/1996	26
Dean M.	7/30/2009	13	Addie T.	7/14/1995	27
Jamie B.	7/27/2009	13	Bill G.	7/4/1995	27
John P.	7/5/2009	13	Charles A.	7/27/1995	27
Melinda W.	7/4/2008	13	Aaron A.	7/20/1994	28
Bill G.	7/22/2008	14	Pete K.	7/14/1994	28
Carol C.	7/19/2008	14	Mike B.	7/6/1992	30
Catherine J.	7/3/2008	14	Stephanie M.	7/8/1992	30
Randy D.	7/2/2008	14	Valentina S.	7/25/1992	30
Steven V.	7/27/2008	14	Brenda C.	7/17/1991	31
Susan C.	7/28/2008	14	Dick O.	7/15/1991	31
Yvette L.	7/19/2008	14	Jerry L.	7/4/1990	32
Anna N.	7/15/2007	15	John W.	7/5/1990	32
Anthony H.	7/5/2007	15	Rebecca R.	7/9/1990	32
Deena R.	7/13/2007	15	Herb S.	7/3/1989	33
John Carnev	7/19/2007	15	Sandra West	7/8/1989	33
Michael L.	7/9/2007	15	Debbie S.	7/3/1988	34
Nancy C.	7/25/2007	15	Annette K.	7/3/1987	35
Pat G.	7/6/2007	15	Diana C.	7/25/1987	35
Scott C.	7/16/2007	15	Len T.	7/30/1987	35
Talisa C.	7/16/2007	15	Lorraine	7/30/1987	35
Valerie D.	7/17/2007	15	Marian G.	7/12/1987	35
Brvan A.	7/5/2006	16	Frank L.	7/16/1986	36
Joe King	7/11/2006	16	Jeanie S.	7/22/1986	36
Kim J.	7/11/2006	16	Val D.	7/11/1986	36
Polly P.	7/26/2006	16	Susan H.	7/10/1985	37
Rebecca E.	7/4/2006	16	H. M. Mc.	7/1/1984	38
Richard L.	7/10/2006	16	Larry R.	7/7/1981	41
Jeromee	7/21/2005	17	Luanne	7/16/1981	41
Monica M.	7/20/2005	17	Kate M.	7/28/1978	44
Tammie M.	7/22/2005	17	Nancy H.	7/31/1977	45
Lynn K.	7/1/2004	18	Jerry G.	7/28/1976	46
Diane C.	7/25/2003	19	Mike H.	7/21/1976	46
Gary G.	7/11/2003	19			

Get your groups birthday list to Central Office
... That's how they appear here!

Total Years = 2,271

Managers Corner

Have you considered participating in the **Faithful Fivers** club of alcoholics who are so grateful for our sobriety we want to share it with others? SIGN UP TODAY!!



Thank You Saturday Volunteers!!

- 1st ~ Larry W. & Kayla T.
- 2nd ~ Wendy W. & Gabe G.
- 3rd ~ Carmen R. & Alona T.
- 4th ~ Katie H. & Art H.
- 5th ~ Debbie L. & Chante D.

Don't forget to visit us on the Web!

